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Abstract of the Invention

The invention relates to a retainer clip or latch attached to a fence post, such as a plastic fence post, for use in electric fences, that can be used with different types of fence strand members, and that is operated by hand to permit easy securement and removal of the fence strand members. The clip includes first and second portions which are hingedly attached together at one end and are releasably engageable with each other at the opposite end. The clip defines a loop at one end for holding an elongate fence strand member, such as wire, and an elongated area for holding a broader fence strand members, such as electric tape. The loop and elongated area are separated by a finger which extends from the second portion and into a notch in the first portion. The clips can be directly attached to a head portion of a T-shaped fence post at spaced locations along its length. In other embodiments, the clip is attached to an elongate bar which is detachably secured to the head portion of the fence post, or the clip is attached to an end cap which is detachably secured to an end of the fence post.